(e) The patient is reported to have shown some improvement. If his improvement continues and if some responsible person is willing to take care of him he will be placed before the Visiting Committee of the hospital for discharge.

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" With reference to the answer given to this question, may I know whether the person referred to who has been detained in the mental hospital is a major or a minor? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" I have no information on the point. I want notice."

*Orders relating to the eligibility of medical officers to private practice.*

* 276 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. ARASU : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House copies of all the orders passed by either the Government or the Surgeon-General permitting and regulating the privilege of private practice that is now enjoyed by the officers in the Medical Department?

*A.*—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the rules regulating private practice of medical officers contained in paragraphs 279 to 288 of the Madras Civil Medical Code which is available in the library for reference. Government consider it unnecessary to place on the table several Government orders on which the above rules are based.

*Alleged running of a nursing home by the Second Surgeon of the Madras General Hospital.*

* 277 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. ARASU : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Second Surgeon of the Madras General Hospital is running a regular nursing home in 'Binfield' house in Poonamallee High Road; and

(b) if so, the nature of the disciplinary action that the hon. the Minister proposes to take against that Surgeon?

*A.*—(a) Yes. He has been permitted by the Surgeon-General to maintain a nursing home for his own private patients.

(b) The Government do not propose to take any disciplinary action.

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" I shall like to know from the hon. the Chief Minister under what section of the Madras Medical Code the second Surgeon of the Madras General Hospital was allowed to run a nursing home? ".

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—" He was given permission in 1928 by the then Surgeon-General and the present Surgeon-General has agreed with the action of his predecessor."